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Too much gravity argues a shallow mind.—
Ayatollah.

JAPAN'S CRISIS

Japanese military policy has apparently reached a crisis, and reached it, moreover, at an untimely period. With the European war clouds hanging low and the powers of the world restless under the portent of coming changes in international alliances, Japan must settle a serious internal problem and must settle it largely under the constraint of external relations.

The Japanese have struggled under a burden of taxes with a bravery and a courage and a silent steadfastness that has no parallel in modern history. This burden of maintaining an army and navy, of paying the price of the Russo-Japanese war, has strained the resources of the citizens to the limit, and the premier of the empire was but voicing a deep-seated protest when he declared his opposition to another diversion for the imperial army in Korea.

The crisis is apparent in the determination of the cabinet to resign if the new burden is put upon the heavily-taxed citizens. The constitutionalists declare that the load must not be increased now, while the military party cries for more armies, for a greater navy.

The crisis comes within a few months after Mutsuhito's death has put the weight of an empire on the shoulders of Yoshihito, who is 32 years old. How he will bear himself in this delicate situation will be watched with international interest.

ANOTHER "SCHOOL ROW" SETTLED

The commissioners of public instruction, after long and weary sessions, have straightened out another "school row." The tumult and the shouting have died; two teachers have been dropped; the public has heard a great deal of charges and counter-charges on matters that would be ridiculous did they not so vitally concern peace and progress in the Normal School.

The school commissioners allowed a remarkable latitude in the presentation of the charges by the two Normal School teachers who brought specific complaint against Principal Wood, and the principal was given every opportunity to answer these complaints. That he did so satisfactorily to the commission is evidenced by their action in sustaining the principal unanimously.

"School rows" in Hawaii are too frequent, and, moreover, too many of them require the attention of the commissioners of instruction. We venture to say that no board of education in the United States has to take time for more petty squabbles and minor bickerings than the board in this territory. Educational affairs have come to an unfortunate pass when a day and a half is devoted to discussing the dismissal of two subordinates in a public school. If the active heads of the school work cannot handle their business without forcing upon the commission the settlement of such cases—not only the settlement but an entire review—there is obvious weakness in the system or the men who run it.

The commission did the only logical thing in thrashing out the whole matter and allowing both sides every opportunity to air their grievances or reasons for action. And under facts presented the commission was right in sustaining the department in dropping the teachers. The point is, however, that the department ought to be able to settle these cases without having to appeal to the decision of the board to back it up.

The territory looks to the superintendent of public instruction to check the kind of "school politics" that arose in the Normal School. The head of the Normal School is admittedly a man of ability, but, rightly or wrongly, he is the subject of much complaint on the part of the teachers under him. Perhaps some of these teachers feel that individuality is minimized and system is over-emphasized. The policy of the commission itself proves that the best way to settle a complaint is to give fair, thorough and sympathetic attention to grievances, and, if imaginary, the grievances will be talked into thin air and vanish.

Harmony and cooperation between a principal and his teachers are as necessary to progress on the part of students as the right course of study or adequate facilities for work. And, as a famous character in rural comedy says, "We're goin' to have peace in the family if we have to knock out a few gettin' it!"

AN OBJECT LESSON IN MORALS

The awakening public conscience of Honolulu on the subject of protection for the morals of young women and girls was emphasized this morning when more than a score of prominent men and women attended Judge Robinson's court. There a young man was sentenced to a fine of fifty dollars and costs for violating the sanctity of a home to meet a girl sent from the industrial school to the protection of a private family. That protection was destroyed by the man, and both, it appears from the evidence, were guilty of violating the sanctity of that home.

The Star-Bulletin has no strictures to make upon the sentence passed by Judge Robinson, for the man was given the limit of the law covering the charge to which he pleaded guilty. As to the charge waived by the prosecution, that of trespassing, for which an imprisonment sentence might have been passed, it is more than likely that, as City Attorney Carheart stated, no jury would hold the young man in view of the probable weakness of the girl in communicating with the prisoner and allowing him to come to the home, and in view of her alleged previous record. The girl is a moral weakling, but not the less needing tender care and wise protection. The man's punishment was not alone in the paltry fine he must pay. Indeed, that is the least part of his penalty. The shame and humiliation of his public trial and public admission of guilt, the contempt, the anger he must have seen in the faces of those in court, are the heaviest part of his punishment.

The case, sad as it is, nasty as it is, has furnished the community with a good object lesson. Circumstances contributed luckily to the comparative legal lightness of the only charge upon which the man could be held. The next offender may not be so lucky. Furthermore, the community is not in the state of mind to tolerate evil-doers whether or not they must be tolerated by law.

The newspapers of Honolulu, which have endeavored to stir this community to action for so many years that a glance backward seems almost a confession of impotence, will take new courage from the hearty interest shown this morning by Honolulu's high-minded citizens; public officials will feel that public sentiment is on the side of the right, not passively, but aggressively; and brutes to whom appeal can be made only through fear, will hesitate to arouse the burning indignation that transcends courts and law and legal obstacles.

Supervisors stirred up a nice little row last night over a repair bill for the mayors' auto. Economy is a good thing, but so is consistency. One of the supervisors is credited with borrowing the municipal auto whenever he felt that his private business on the other side of the island needed his attention; two others took a municipal machine to make political trips during the last campaign, and, moreover, one of these electioneered against a candidate of his own party. Honolulu's patience with these men was stretched to the uttermost; it broke on November 5. May the new board exhibit more intelligence.

One of the interesting reports resulting from the remarkable victories of the Bulgarians in their battles against the Turks is that Turkey was sold to King Ferdinand before the war started, and that long before the Allies took the field Ferdinand was possessed of valuable information from the inner councils of the Ottomans, as well as assured of the "masterly inactivity" of some of the Turkish generals.

It is good to know that the Chicago chief of police had enough sense and backbone to prevent the moving-picture machines from getting a record of Jack Johnson's latest nauseating performance—his marriage with the young white girl he abducted.

The judge now under impeachment in Washington is Archbald, not Archbold, who is the Standard Oil head. But Archbald is from Pennsylvania, the state debauched for Standard Oil by such men as Penrose, Quay and Archbold himself.

Why can't our warlike supervisors sign a permanent protocol?

Can you beat this for Christmas weather?

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

GO SLOW, DEMOCRATS!

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—It would seem that to have anything to say politically at the present time would surely be a waste of words, seeing that the Democrats have everything cut and dried. Apropos of the intentions of the Democrats to make a clean sweep or a complete change of officials as well as the administrative policy of the country, it might be well for the majority on the victorious side to take a look backward to what happened in 1893, when the same policy, in a much modified form, was followed when the Democrats were in power. This backtracking back to the times when this country was near that condition when it might have to guess where the next meal was coming from, is for the benefit of those who have arrived at their majority of late years, and in the dark days of 1893-4 they were hardly old enough to take in the situation, but the situation was there just the same. There is not a Democrat in the country but hates to be reminded of the fact that the Democratic victory in 1892 brought on the panic of the following three years.

The election of Democratic senators soon after the legislature met in 1893 was hailed by all "good and true"

Democrats as an evidence that their party would carry out its platform pledge, and strike all protection from the tariff. There was pressure brought to bear on Cleveland to call an extra session of Congress for the purpose of doing the slashing as soon as possible.

To a certain extent the wishes of the slashers were carried out. Cleveland did call an extra session of Congress, but it was not to do any slashing, not to make any further cuts in the tariff, but was, as Cleveland stated in his message, "to deal with an alarming and extraordinary business situation, involving the welfare of all the people." What brought about that "alarming and extraordinary business situation"? The country was prosperous and happy when it was handed over to the Democrats.

A very good mental illustration of the condition of the United States during the Democratic administration under Grover Cleveland can be had by imagining what this city would be if turned over to the administrative ability of a few men in the same class with "Soapbox" Barron.

Sudden changes in the administrative policy of a city or a pan of milk should be avoided.

STEADFAST.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

C. H. OLSON—The last of the Mahuka site cases will not be finished until some time after the first of the year.

CARL WILLING—The new forest on the John H. estate land near Wahiawa is worth going to see. There are 125,000 trees growing there—cedar, koa and other kinds.

E. M. WALSH—Honolulu is certainly one of nature's sanctuaries. A month ago I came to this city from Tacoma, a nervous wreck, and today I never felt better in my life.

W. H. SMITH—There is more business on the court calendar at Kona than at any other time in years, and from all appearances Attorneys Beers and Heen have their work cut out for them for some time to come.

E. A. MOTT-SMITH—I have withdrawn my resignation from the secretaryship because it would be virtually impossible to obtain another man for the place under the present conditions. I am with the governor to the end.

WM. BUSH—Not only should Hawaii prepare well for San Francisco in 1915 but should prepare for a waterfront—say at the old fishmarket—exhibit right here in Honolulu to show the thousands passing to and fro through this port to the Panama world show. A sort of sideshow you understand.

RACE ASSURED

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hoped that Germany, Japan and Canada and some of the Atlantic Coast yacht clubs will build for the races, in which case the Honolulu race will at once become the most important in the history of the royal sport.

On one point seems to depend the feasibility of the long ocean race, that point being the elimination of the purely racing machine for the short races off San Francisco. It is certain that clubs, syndicates and individual yachtsmen will not build two types of boat, one for the San Francisco races, and one for the Honolulu contest. Therefore, the great international regatta which the exposition management is planning, must be for a model of speedy cruiser capable of crossing the Pacific in the international long distance event.

Rules All-Important.
The important question of rig, type and measurement must be decided before a single move is made toward building a challenger here, and in all probability committees will be named in the near future, including representatives from each of the clubs now interested, which will get together on these points. In any event, it is probable that Sir Thomas Lipton's new boat, which he intends to call Shamrock V, will be a different type of craft from her four elder sisters. Even to sail in San Francisco bay and off the Farallones, a much stancher craft is needed than the bronze skimming dishes that have heretofore contested for the America's cup, in Eastern waters. And to make the run across the Pacific even in calm summer weather, the huge single stickers with their enormous spread of canvas would be entirely out of the question.

Honoluluans now in San Francisco have taken up the matter of the race with enthusiasm, and have given assurances that the people of Hawaii will not fail, and that there will be a local boat in the big race. In a way, they have staked the sporting honor

PERSONALITIES

MRS. DORIS E. PARIS is confined to her home, Alexander and Young streets, with an attack of la grippe, but expects to be out again within a few days.

MISS KATHERINE HUTCHINS and Miss Anna Brack, both daughters of well-to-do agriculturists, at Lodi, California, are passengers en route to Honolulu by the Mongolia. They are on a pleasure trip.

MAHUKA JURY FULL

The jury for the Mahuka site case was completed this morning, the last juror to be drawn being Charles A. King. The case will be brought up for trial before the United States district court tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. The completed jury is composed of Gus Becher, August Kruse, H. E. Beasley, J. Scabury, John Dassel, Samuel Parker, Jr., A. E. Todd, Harry Cobb, Peter Higgins, Robert Booth, A. S. Anderson, and Charles A. King.

of the islands, and as things stand now, Hawaii can hardly draw back. How the yacht is to be financed is not definitely decided, but there is talk of a syndicate being formed to supply the needed funds. Several large contributions have already been spoken of in the newspapers, and if these materialize, the fund will have a good start.

The San Francisco Chronicle, speaking of the proposed race, says: The series of international races in 1915, off San Francisco bay, is now certain to be one of the greatest events, if not the greatest in the history of sport.

That this series for the blue ribbon of the seas will be followed by a great ocean race from San Francisco to Honolulu, in which the same big single-stickers, under reduced canvas, will be followed by a fleet of steamers and steam yachts carrying many thousand people, is the wish of Honolulu, San Francisco and many others, including Sir Thomas, who have discussed the plans for the big races. And where there's a will there's a way.

Competitors to Date.
The competitors which are now assured to enter the races for the yachting supremacy of the seas are: The Shamrock V, to be built by Sir Thomas Lipton.

The boat to be built by the San Francisco syndicate.
The boat to be built by the Los Angeles syndicate.
The boat to be built by the Hawaiian syndicate.

There has not yet been time for answers to the telegrams which were sent by the Chronicle to the great yachting clubs of the world. But among those which it is hoped and expected may enter yachts in the 1915 regatta are the following: The New York club.

Portland and the Puget Sound cities.
The Toronto Yacht Club, and a boat representing Vancouver and Victoria.

The German Emperor.
The King of Spain.
Japan.

The important thing is that acceptance to Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge to the world have already been assured from San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hawaii, and it is not yet a week since the challenge was issued.

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We have the following property for sale in this district:
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House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise\$2500.00
House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki\$2800.00
House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki\$2700.00
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